GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA

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NON UTILIZATION OF SANCTIONED DEVELOPMENT FUNDS
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 356 crore sanctioned under various developments schemes of Ministry of Development for North East Region is not being utilised by State Government of Assam, as reported in the Regional Assamese daily News 'Asomiya Pratidin' dated October 29, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER, MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) have released Rs. 1304.84 crore under the scheme of Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) to the State Government of Assam as on 31.10.2007. Utilisation Certificates (UCs) have so far been received for Rs. 948.93 crore. Rs. 355.91 crore is the balance with the State Government for submission of pending UCs. The Government of Assam have informed the Ministry that of this amount, Rs. 225.57 crore have been released for works already executed and a balance about Rs. 130.35 crore is with the State Government for release to the implementing agencies.

(c): The sanction of new projects and release of funds against various projects by the Government of India under NLCPR and submission of UCs by the Governments of the North Eastern States, including Assam, is a continuous process. The Ministry of DoNER have been regularly pursuing progress of implementation of projects with the State Governments through quarterly progress reports, regular review meetings, video conferences, follow up letters at all levels including Minister DoNER and project site visits by the officers of the Ministry.